

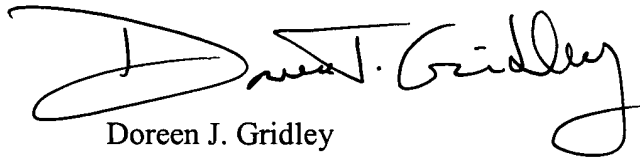
REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment that is being filed prior to the examination of the Application. The Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 24-34 and amends claims 3, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 17, and 19-22. The above amendments to the claims introduce no new matter in the Application. The claims have been amended to remove independent and multiple dependent claims and to modify claims from multiple dependent form to dependent form. The amendments are supported by the specification originally prepared. Applicants believe that all claims of the Application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants respectfully submit that no additional fee is required to accompany this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for additional payment of fees, Applicants authorize any deficiency to be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0007. When doing so, please refer to our File No. P01313-US-00 (13020.0012).

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doreen J. Gridley", written over the printed name.

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